

Boston, July 23, 1857.

My dear Mrs. Chapman:

Yours of the 21st is received. I think (with yourself and Mrs. Shaw) that it might be serviceable to the cause of humanity for the Executive Committee of the American A. S. Society to enter a public protest against the African importation scheme, which is, unquestionably, the old slave trade in a new form, essentially. You suggest that a meeting of the Committee might be held at the Abington gathering on the 1st of August; but I do not think we shall be able to get a majority, or even a quorum of the members present on that occasion. For one, I am engaged to be at Hopedale on that day. As soon, however, as Mr.

May returns from his visit to Montreal, I will confer with him about it, and have the Committee brought together at the earliest convenient period. In the mean time, will you do us all the favor to draw up a series of suitable resolutions for adoption, as you have the English newspapers in your possession?

If I were P. P., I should hardly feel like going to England again, after interrogating the friends there on the subject, unless they gave me their clear conviction that my presence was very desirable, and would do the anti-slavery cause service. It is a very delicate matter, all round, and I do not know what to advise about it.

I am much obliged to you for your congratulations upon my son's scholastic success. All I can desire to add is, that he is in all respects as good a son as a father could ~~desire~~ to have. His examination at Harvard gave him a clean ticket.

Please give my high regards to your dear mother, and remember ^{me} kindly to Deborah and your brother.

I am yearning in spirit to see Anna again face to face, as well as Caroline and all the absent ones. "When shall we all meet again?"

Yours, ever, absent or present,
W^m. Lloyd Garrison.

Mrs. M. W. Chapman.

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W. L. Garrison
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